

## Why Do We Need Volunteers to Register?

Experience has shown that during an emergency or crisis, hundreds or even thousands of people want to volunteer their assistance, in which there has been limited resources for coordination. Many of those that arrive on-site want to provide medical assistance to the victims of the disaster or attack. Advanced registration of health care volunteers may provide hospitals, public health, and emergency authorities immediate access to qualified and credentialed personnel that may be needed in the event of an emergency.



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## MI Volunteer Registry



**Register Now.  
You Could Make  
a Difference.**



[www.mivolunteerregistry.org](http://www.mivolunteerregistry.org)

## Who Can Be a Volunteer?

MI Volunteer Registry seeks people with all skill levels and experiences. Although the focus is on physicians, nurses, pharmacists, behavioral health, emergency medical services personnel,



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and ancillary support staff; other targeted professions and skill sets include security, clergy, interpreters, food service, clerks, and electricians to name a few.



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## Where Can I Register?

To register or for more information, go online to:

<http://www.mivolunteerregistry.org>



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## What is Expected of Volunteers?

Those who register agree to be contacted should their area of expertise be needed during a natural or public emergency. Once notified, each volunteer will determine their current availability based on the following:

- ◆ What kind of incident are you willing to respond to?
- ◆ What distance are you willing to travel?
- ◆ How long are you willing to be deployed?

Registering does not obligate you to volunteer during an emergency.

## How Will I Be Contacted?

Volunteers may be notified using the contact information provided to the registry when local, regional, or state responder resources are not sufficient to meet the need for response and recovery efforts during an event. Through the registry, volunteers may also have the opportunity to participate in trainings and exercises.



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## What Are the Liability Protections for Volunteers?

Volunteers may be protected from civil liability through the following laws:

- ◆ Governmental Immunity Act (MCL 691.140)
- ◆ The Good Samaritan Act (MSC 691.1501)
- ◆ Emergency Management Act (1976 PA 390)
- ◆ Public Health Code (1978 PA 368)
- ◆ Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (42 USC Chapter 139)